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Before the Examiner: P. Mertz

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For: Interleukin-1 Receptor)
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and Uses Thereof)

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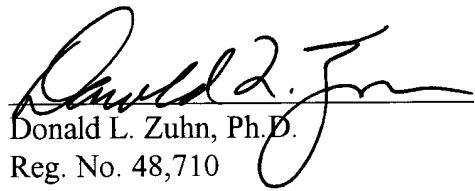
PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed July 16, 2002. A check including the amount of \$930.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff

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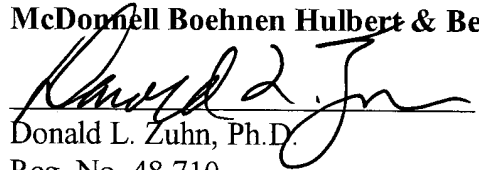
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-described patent application:
Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time, Response to Office Action, and return postcard.
2. A check in the amount of \$930.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), is attached.
3. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES: Please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on January 16, 2003.

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